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INVESTIGATIONS AGAINST PRIVATE AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) have launched investigations against private domestic airlines ;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith nature of complaints against such airlines; and

(c) the outcome of the investigation and action proposed to be taken against these airlines?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has booked cases at Mumbai and Delhi against private airlines viz. Jet Airways and Air Sahara. These cases have been booked for non payment of Customs duty on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) for flights getting converted into domestic run after completion of international run.

(c) With regard to cases booked against Jet Airways and Air Sahara at Mumbai, the parties have paid the differential Customs duty amounting to Rs.67 lakhs and Rs. 21 lakhs respectively. Cases booked against the said airlines at Delhi are under investigation. After completion of investigation, Show Cause Notice will be issued for recovery of differential Customs duty and imposition of penalty.